

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested on the grounds that it complies with all of the requirements of the final Office action. All claims remaining in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 3. New claim 16 has been added to provide independent claim 4 with a dependent claim similar to dependent claim 5, which depends from independent claim 3.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, and claims 6 and 7 cancelled.

Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form, and claim 9 cancelled. Claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 10 and new claim 17 has been added. New claim 17 depends from independent claim 11 and contains similar subject matter as dependent claim 12.

Claim 13 has been written in independent form, and includes the subject matter of allowable claim 14. Accordingly, claim 14 has been cancelled.

Claim 15 has been cancelled.

New claims 18-23 correspond to independent claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, and 13, respectively. Accordingly, those new claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested for pending claims 3-5, 8, 10-13, and 16-23. If the examiner is of the opinion that the instant claims are in condition for disposition other than through allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney so that additional changes to the claims can be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,



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